

Active/Inactive Certification Policy

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Updated portions are underlined

~~On June 2, 1994, I forwarded a p-mail to everyone asking for input on an "inactive" issue. You will recall that a question had arisen as to whether or not an individual should be allowed to take an inactive status in regard to their paramedic certification and continue to hold an active EMT certification. Scenarios were given outlining instances in which a person might make such a request. A special thanks to those of you who responded to my request for input. I was impressed with the analytical reasoning offered in those responses.~~

CONCLUSION: The person who chooses an Inactive status is still certified. Rule 157.33 (h) 157.41 (f) states: "Individuals who successfully complete certification requirements for a higher level of certification are considered ~~are deemed to be~~ certified only at the higher ~~that~~ level." It would therefore be illogical and noncompliant with the rule to allow persons to carry two levels of certification even though one would be inactive.

POLICY: An individual may apply for and retain an inactive/active status only at one level of certification.

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